

July 21–27, 2019

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

# News and Opportunities



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We are glad to have you with us today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church! ✨ **Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ**, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. ✨ **We invite you to join us** at this intersection of faith and life as we share God's grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.

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Individuals can lift up **prayer concerns** with a Deacon in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship today. ✨ **Morning Prayer** is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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We're taking our weekly **Jazz at Four** ► Communion service outdoors to the Michigan Avenue courtyard on the first Sundays of August and September: August 4 and September 1. Join us by the fountain at 4:00 p.m. on those Sundays for a time of worship, the music of the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet, and fellowship with one another, all while surrounded by the beauty of summer.



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If you haven't done so already, **sign up** for our email newsletter ([www.bit.ly/fourthchurchnews](http://www.bit.ly/fourthchurchnews)), bookmark our website ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), and follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@FourthChurch) to stay up-to-date on the latest news, quotes, and photos from Fourth Church!

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In less than a month, our ◀ **Vacation Bible School** will travel to ancient Greece to learn about the Apostle Paul when we gather the mornings of August 5–9 for a week of learning, crafts, games, and songs! Registration is open for preschool children to fifth graders. ✨ To assist with the journey we also need middle school and high school **youth volunteers**. See our sign-up page for more information.

**This “News and Opportunities” insert is our invitation to you** to join us in taking part in the programs and resources available to you here at Fourth Church, all of which welcome newcomers. On our website you will find even more opportunities, as well as the page [www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up](http://www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up) with details about signing up for the programs listed here.

To receive our weekly email newsletter, subscribe at [www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)

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Over the summer, a **Strategic Directions task force** ► is meeting to help discern priorities for the next three to five years of Fourth Church's life together. From all who call this church home they are interested in hearing what areas of our mission or ministry you would want to prioritize and into which of them you would want to invest new energy and imagination. Please join the task force in conversation on Sunday, August 4 at 12:15 p.m. in the Bumpus Room or Sunday, August 11 at 9:45 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. If you are unable to be with us for one of those conversations, the task force would greatly appreciate your emailing to them ([priorities@fourthchurch.org](mailto:priorities@fourthchurch.org)) your thoughts about priorities and areas of commitment.



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Our summer **Urban Youth Mission** program continues this week as we welcome youth from the First United Methodist Church of Park Ridge, Illinois. They are joining us for a weeklong experience of learning and serving as well as a time of reflecting on God, faith, and the Christian call to justice.

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The events and programs on the Fourth Church calendar are invitations to connect with others here at Fourth Church or in the community. Such opportunities include **Knitting and Crocheting** this Tuesday, July 23 and **LGBTQIA brunch** next Sunday, July 28. **Men's Bible study** will meet on Tuesdays, August 6 and August 20. See our sign-up page for more information.

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Are you looking for ways to serve or to connect with others while volunteering? We are in need of individuals to wrap silverware, help cook, or serve food for our **Sunday Night Suppers**. \* **Docents** ► are needed to give church tours on a rotating basis following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Training will be provided. \* If you are interested in learning more about these or other **volunteer opportunities** at Fourth Church, please contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry ([312.981.3382](tel:312.981.3382), [rcrouch@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)).



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**To recommend for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Chicago Lights Board** any Fourth Church members—including yourself!—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please use the forms available in the pew racks and also online at [www.bit.ly/fpcnominating](http://www.bit.ly/fpcnominating); when completed, paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

Did you know that more than 4,000 people around the world receive **devotions** from Fourth Church in their inbox every morning? To receive them by email, sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)). They are also available at **facebook.com/fourthchurch**, **Twitter** (@FourthChicago), and [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org); and in booklets in the literature racks.

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Our free outdoor concert series, **Music by the Fountain**, continues this Friday noon in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. Come enjoy the beauty of summer and what promises to be a fun performance by cabaret duo Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael!



For our annual ◀ **School Supply Drive**, sponsored by Women at Fourth, we are collecting school supplies and backpacks for 280 children connected with the Chicago Lights Summer Day, Summer Dance Intensive, and Tutoring programs. Lists and information are available in Coffee Hour. Contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369) to volunteer or to receive a supply list. \* This Thursday, July 25, Women at Fourth will prepare those donated backpacks and school supplies for the Summer Day students as part of **Women at Fourth's service project**, which will be accompanied by an ice cream social. All women are invited to join us at 5:30 p.m.!

Share the gift of music and be inspired by the faith of our Cuban Christian sisters and brothers! Join members of Fourth Presbyterian Church and St. John's Episcopal Church of Chicago on a weeklong **music mission trip to Cuba** from February 17 to 24, 2020. Our hosts will be the Reverend Liudmila Hernández and her congregation, the ▶ First Presbyterian Church of Havana, with whom Fourth Church has had a partner relationship for more than nineteen years. For more information, please see the sign-up page.



**Grief Support Groups** for those experiencing significant losses are offered by our Replogle Center. The next group will meet on Mondays, from August 12 through September 23 (*no meeting on Monday, September 2*). Preregistration is required; for more details or to register, please call the Center at 312.787.8425. \* If you are interested in meeting with a **Stephen Minister** or know someone experiencing life challenges who would benefit from such a caring relationship, please leave a message on the Stephen Ministry confidential voicemail at 312.573.3365.

**Tuesday Evening Meditation** with the Replogle Center will take a break for the summer; there will be no meditation group meeting July 23, July 30, and throughout the month of August. **Sacred Pause meditation** will also take a break in August. Watch for details about the fall schedule.

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**For details, go to [www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up](http://www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up)**

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## Calendar for July 21–27, 2019

- Sunday, July 21 . . . . . 8:00 a.m. Worship • Matt Helms preaching . . . . . Sanctuary**  
9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour . . . . . Michgan Avenue Courtyard  
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery . . . . . Nursery / Day School  
**9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching . . . . . Sanctuary**  
9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School . . . . . Borwell Dining Room  
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons . . . . . Stone Chapel  
12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour. . . . . Sanctuary  
12:15 p.m. Organ Tour . . . . . Sanctuary  
12:15 p.m. New Member Brunch . . . . . Page Smith Room  
**4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Shannon J. Kershner preaching . . Buchanan Chapel**  
5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper . . . . . Anderson Hall
- Monday, July 22. . . . . 9:00 a.m. Chicago Lights Summer Day (also Tues.–Fri.) . . . . Gratz Fifth Floor**  
10:30 a.m. Chicago Lights Dance Academy . . . . . Parish House Dining Room  
4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper. . . . . *Catholic Charities*
- Tuesday, July 23 . . . . . 7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation . . . . . Stone Chapel**  
10:30 a.m. Chicago Lights Dance Academy . . . . . Parish House Dining Room  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. . . . . Anderson Hall  
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Knitting and Crocheting . . . . . Room 4F
- Wednesday, July 24. . . . . 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer . . . . . Buchanan Chapel**  
10:30 a.m. Chicago Lights Dance Academy . . . . . Parish House Dining Room  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. . . . . Anderson Hall
- Thursday, July 25 . . . . . 10:30 a.m. Chicago Lights Dance Academy . . . . . Parish House Dining Room**  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches . . . . . Anderson Hall
- Friday, July 26 . . . . . 10:30 a.m. Chicago Lights Dance Academy . . . . . Parish House Dining Room**  
12:10 p.m. Music by the Fountain . . . . . Michigan Ave. Courtyard
- Saturday, July 27. . 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Urban Farm Farmstand Open . . . . . 444 W. Chicago**

See [www.fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://www.fourthchurch.org/calendar)  
for a complete events calendar, including online registration links.

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